

land use trends continue, candidate species are likely to merit listing as Endangered or Threatened.

SR SIGNIFICANTLY

RARE

Species which are very rare in North Carolina, generally substantially reduced in numbers by habitat destruction (and sometimes also by direct exploitation or disease). These species are generally more common somewhere else in their ranges, occurring in North Carolina peripherally to their main ranges, mostly in habitats which are unusual in North Carolina. Also included are some species with 20-100 populations in North Carolina, if they also have only 50-100 populations rangewide and are declining.

W WATCH LIST

Any other species believed to be rare and of conservation concern in the state but warranting active monitoring at this time.

P PROPOSED

A species which has been formally proposed for listing as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern, but has not yet completed the legally mandated listing process.

UNITED STATES STATUS

E ENDANGERED

A taxon "which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range" (Endangered Species Act, Section 3).

T THREATENED

A taxon "which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range" (Endangered Species Act, Section 3).

C1 CANDIDATE 1

"Taxa for which the [Fish and Wildlife] Service has on file enough substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support proposals to list them as endangered or threatened. Development and publication of proposed rules on these taxa are anticipated; however, because of the large number of Category 1 taxa, it will take several years to clear the backlog."

C2 CANDIDATE 2

"Taxa for which there is some evidence of vulnerability, but for which there are not enough data to support listing proposals at this time... Further biological research and field study usually will be necessary to ascertain the status of [these taxa]... It is likely that some category 2 candidates will not warrant listing, while others